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Rear Admiral Charles F. Horne III
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Dear Admiral Horne:

I want to thank you for the assistance and support you and members of your staff have provided FBIS, enabling our Seoul Bureau to better fulfill its requirements for monitoring of Pyongyang television transmissions. Your willingness to allow FBIS to install monitoring equipment in the Joint Security Area was very helpful. It gives us the opportunity to provide more timely reporting to users of FBIS material in the Republic of Korea and around the world.

Managers of our Seoul Bureau have told me on several occasions of the excellent relations that have developed between FBIS and UNCMAC. Your fast action in behalf of our need for improvements in our coverage of Pyongyang television is the most recent example of the cooperation that FBIS managers in the field find invaluable.

The FBIS staff in Seoul and I greatly appreciate UNCMAC's assistance during the 10 years we have operated in Seoul. Please feel free to call at any time on FBIS for support in media analysis or reporting on behalf of UNCMAC requirements.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

Acting Director

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TO: FBIS.

SUBJECT: UNCMAC ROLE IN PYONGYANG TV MONITORING

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1. OUR NEW SYSTEM OF MONITORING PYONGYANG TELEVISION FROM PANMUNJOM IS NOW WORKING WELL. WE HAVE RECEIVED NEW EQUIPMENT, PURCHASED BY OKINAWA BUREAU, AND IT WAS INSTALLED LAST WEEK. THERE HAVE BEEN SOME MINOR GLITCHES AND A BIT OF CONFUSION ABOUT THE MECHANISM FOR DELIVERING THE VIDEOTAPES FROM PANMUNJOM TO THE EMBASSY, BUT THESE NOW SEEM TO HAVE BEEN WORKED OUT SATISFACTORILY. THE ARRANGEMENT WITH UNCMAC GIVES US TIMELY RECEIPT OF PYONGYANG TV TAPES ON A REGULAR BASIS FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER, AND SHOULD MAKE OUR TELEVISION COVERAGE MORE VALUABLE TO CONSUMERS.

2. I THINK A LETTER FROM FBIS HEADQUARTERS THANKING ADMIRAL HORNE, THE UNCMAC SENIOR MEMBER, FOR HIS ASSISTANCE IS IN ORDER, EITHER IN YOUR NAME OR THE DIRECTOR'S. I SUGGEST SOMETHING ALONG THE LINES OF THE FOLLOWING:

REAR ADMIRAL CHARLES F. HORNE III
SENIOR MEMBER
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"ADMIRAL HORNE:

I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THE ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT YOU AND MEMBERS OF YOUR STAFF HAVE PROVIDED FBIS, ENABLING OUR SEOUL BUREAU TO BETTER FULFILL ITS REQUIREMENTS FOR MONITORING OF PYONGYANG TELEVISION TRANSMISSIONS. YOUR WILLINGNESS TO ALLOW FBIS TO INSTALL MONITORING EQUIPMENT IN THE JOINT SECURITY AREA WAS VERY HELPFUL. IT GIVES US THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE MORE TIMELY REPORTING TO USERS OF FBIS MATERIAL IN THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND AROUND THE

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WORLD.

MANAGERS OF OUR SEOUL BUREAU HAVE TOLD ME ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS OF THE EXCELLENT RELATIONS THAT HAVE DEVELOPED BETWEEN FBIS AND UNCMAC. YOUR FAST ACTION IN BEHALF OF OUR NEED FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN OUR COVERAGE OF PYONGYANG TELEVISION IS THE MOST RECENT EXAMPLE OF THE COOPERATION THAT FBIS MANAGERS IN THE FIELD FIND INVALUABLE.

THE FBIS STAFF IN SEOUL AND I GREATLY APPRECIATE UNCMAC'S ASSISTANCE DURING THE TEN YEARS WE HAVE OPERATED IN SEOUL. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CALL AT ANY TIME ON FBIS FOR SUPPORT IN MEDIA ANALYSIS OR REPORTING ON BEHALF OF UNCMAC REQUIREMENTS."

3. THE NEW MONITORING ARRANGEMENT IS CONTINUING TO EVOLVE, PARTICULARLY BUREAU PROCEDURES TO DEAL WITH MUCH MORE PYONGYANG TV FOOTAGE THAN WE RECEIVED UNDER THE PREVIOUS SYSTEM. FROM MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY WE NOW USUALLY RECEIVE BY MID-AFTERNOON TAPES OF PYONGYANG'S PREVIOUS BROADCAST DAY -- LESS THAN 24 HOURS OLD. THERE IS MORE DELAY OVER WEEKENDS AND HOLIDAYS, BUT NOW HAVE A MAJOR IMPROVEMENT IN TIMELINESS OVER THE PREVIOUS SYSTEM. AND WE WILL BE MAKING FURTHER REFINEMENTS AS WE GO ALONG.

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